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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO MIDDLE EAST BY ASST. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
DAVENPORT AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT BROWN

REF: STATE 075650

1. CONSULATE HAS INFORMED ARAMCO OF UPCOMING VISIT OF ASST. SECRETARY DAVENPORT, AND ARAMCO IS PREPARED TO BRIEF HIM ON ARAMCO'S ACTIVITIES AND TO PROVIDE HIM WITH FLY-OVER OF OIL FACILITIES.
2. ALTHOUGH EXACT DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT DAVENPORT'S VISIT MAY COINCIDE WITH ARAMCO BOARD MEETING WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE HELD IN SAUDI ARABIA. IF BOARD MEETING HELD ON OR ABOUT APRIL 13 AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, ARAMCO TOP OFFICIALS (KELBERER, POWERS AND GOERNER) WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR BRIEFINGS.
3. CONSULATE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THURSDAY (APRIL 13) AND FRIDAY CONSTITUTE WEEKEND IN SAUDI ARABIA AND ARAMCO OFFICES ARE CLOSED. ALTHOUGH ARAMCO HAS BEEN EXTREMELY ACCOMMODATING DURING PAST FEW MONTHS FOR REQUESTS BY CONSULATE TO BRIEF OFFICIAL

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VISITORS ON WEEKENDS, WE ARE USING UP OUR STORE OF GOOD WILL WITH ARAMCO BY CONTINUALLY REQUESTING SUCH WEEKEND BRIEFINGS. COULD THE DAVENPORT VISIT SCHEDULE BE SHIFTED A DAY OR TWO TO AVOID THE SAUDI WEEKEND?

4. ARAMCO OFFICIALS WOULD APPRECIATE SOMEWHAT MORE PRECISE INDICATION THAN REFTTEL PROVIDES OF SUBJECT

MATTER DAVENPORT AND BROWN WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN THE  
BRIEFING. THEY SUGGEST THAT A MEETING IN WASHINGTON  
WITH VICE PRESIDENT JAMES KNIGHT, TELEPHONE (202)  
347-8043, BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES  
MIGHT BE USEFUL AS A PRELIMINARY BRIEFING AND A MEANS  
OF FOCUSING ARAMCO'S DHAHRAN BRIEFING ON AREAS OF GREATEST  
INTEREST TO THE DAVENPORT PARTY.  
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